## All Ships in New York

NEW YORK, April 17.-The flags of all shipping in New York harbor were at half mast today in honor of the Titanic's dead. This action was taken LIST at the official behest of the maritime exchange, which posted the following resolution under a brief headline, Committee Submits "Penny-a-Day" Matters Pertaining to the Welfare "The Greatest Marine Disaster of Modern Times":

"The members of the Maritime Association of the port of New York express their great regret at the lamentable disaster which has befallen the steamer Titanic, their great sorrow at the deplorable loss of life and property which has evidently accompanied this disaster, and extend to all involved in the great calamity their deep and heartfelt sym-

"Resolved, that all vessels in the harbor place their flags at half mast out of respect to the unfortunate dead." As a memorial to those who died in the Titanic disaster, the Seamen's Society of New York has voted an appropriation sufficient to endow two beds in the Seamen's Institute here, a charity controlled by the Episcopal Church. The beds will be placed in the new million-dollar build-ing which is to house the institute begin-

## FRENCH LINE STEAMER SIGHTS HUGE ICE FIELD

## Area Seventy-Five Miles in Length, by the Same Width.

NEW YORK, April 17.-What is said to have been the greatest iceberg field ever seen off the coast of Newfoundland was skirted by the steamship La Bretagne of the French line, which arrived at this port from Havre today, bringing over 775 passengers. The field was seventy miles in length, and probably as wide, New Jersey, Mrs. R. M. Bratton of South at the banquet in New York, May 1, small ice were between forty and fifty

The Bretagne sighted this field Sunday of Mississippi, Mrs. W. H. Crosby of morning last in the immediate vicinity of the place where the Titanic struck a Mrs. John S. Woods of New York, and recognized as one of Mrs. William berg and went down with more than a thousand persons said this afternoon:

### Giant Crushes the Titanic.

The icebarg which caused the Titanic disaster was a giant, one-quarter to one half mile in length, rising 400 feet out of the water, according to the confident belief of government marine officers, based upon the reports just received here. The master of the steamer Carmania has advised the hydrographic office that one week ago today he passed about thirty icebergs and other extensive fields of ice off the Grand Banks of Newfound-

Reports from other vessels confirmed the terrible conditions of the ice. The British steamer Lord Cromer advised the government officials that mammoth ice-bergs were seen in these northern latitudes March 31 and April 1.

## Was Without Searchlight.

It is asserted that the Titanic, like most of the ocean-going steamships, was not equipped with a searchlight, such as is used on all passenger steamers on the inland waters of the country. She had no means of locating the iceberg in the darkness of the night, and when sighted it was too late to stop the speed of the

Capt. Macallister, chief engineer of the revenue cutter service, states that a small thirty-inch searchlight, like those required for vessels of the revenue cutter service, can locate a light-colored object ten by twenty feet in size on the water 6,000 yards, about three miles away, and with such a searchlight a big object and white, like an iceberg is, could be lo-cated much farther off. Had the Titanic been so equipped it is regarded as probable the accident would have been

## ACCEPTS MEMORIAL DESIGN.

### Lincoln Memorial Commission Favors time in the history of the society, with Madero, who was here today. that of Henry Bacon.

The design of Henry Bacon, a New. York architect, was agreed upon by the Lincoln memorial commission yesterday afternoon as the most suitable for the great two-million-dollar memorial to Lincoln which it is proposed to build in Potomac Park. This design has already arts and calls for a rectangular marble structure, surrounded by Doric columns

The statue of Lincoln, yet to be submitted, will stand on a pedestal at one end of the structure.

On one wall will be Lincoln's Gettysburg address in bronze and on the opposite wall his second inaugural address. The design of John Russell Pope, also of it to be a "ticket." She demanded that New York, received much favor, and the the lists be suppressed, and Mrs. Scott vote between the two is said to have announced that they would be suppressed. vote between the two is said to have

## EXCITEMENT IS CAUSED.

### Two Fire Alarms Sounded at State, submitted a report showing how many War and Navy Building.

Some excitement prevailed in the State, for paying off the debt and establishing War and Navy building shortly after 9 an endowment fund. She said: o'clock this morning, and watchmen and messengers went scurrying about the building when alarms were sounded from delegates pledge themselves to contwo boxes on the building's private fire tribute one penny a day for one year, alarm system in rapid succession.

Watchmen hustled to the center wing watchmen hustled to the center wins on the third floor to box 23, found the glass broken, but no one in the vicinity to pay our national indebtedness, but knew of any fire. Neither were the extinguishers, which hang immediately below the box, disturbed. About two seconds after the alarm from the center wing came one from the south wing on the same floor, but everything was peaceful there. It was a case of crossed wires. Nothing more. commendation of many of the delegates.

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MAGAZINE EDITOR CHOSEN ESTABLISHES A PRECEDENT

Without Opposition.

Plan for Raising Fund to

Liquidate Debt.

TOMORROW.

be called to order by the president-

general, followed by the reading

of Scripture and prayer by Rev.

William R. Wedderspoon, D. D. The

remainder of the morning program

will consist of music, reading of

the minutes, confirmation of state

regents and state vice regents,

report of the committee on the rec-

ommendations of national officers, consideration of amendments to

the constitution, unfinished busi-

2:45 o'clock p.m.-The President

and Mrs. Taft will receive the Continental Congress at the White

4 o'clock p.m.-Discussion in re-

gard to the Chalkley manuscripts;

unfinished business; reports of spe-

8 o'clock, p.m.—State regents' re-

"There is no Story ticket for these

whom we believe should be elected."

Names Not on "Regular" List.

tion party's list, however, are: Mrs.

John S. Wood of New York, Mrs. D. U.

Fletcher of Florida and Mrs. Cunning-

Mrs. Charles Bond of Massachusetts

Mrs. A. W. Truesdell of California was

ominated, but later her name was with-

The administration candidates for hon-

crary vice presidents general are Mrs. Charles H. Deere of Illinois and Mrs.

Mrs. Julius C. Burrows of Michigan was

eral, named Mrs. George T. Guernsey of Kansas chairman of the judges of elec-

tion, and Mrs. William Cummings Story of New York as vice chairman, asking

Hampshire, Mrs. Parker of Michigan, Mrs. Oliver of Missouri and Mrs. Ed-

Voting Machines in Use.

The balloting is being done by means

Considerable excitement was injected

into the proceedings today when a report

reached Mrs. Scott that campaign litera-

ture was being circulated in the hall. She

vote as she chose, without interference or

influence. The sequel to this episode came later, when Mrs. James G. Dunning,

candidates, which, she said, was being

She referred to the fact that a pas

congress had voted not to permit the

Effort to Liquidate Debt.

For the committee on certificate for

liquidation of the debt and endowment

fund. Mrs. Willard T. Block, chairman,

"If all members of the national so-

and through the chapter committees

Plan Commended by Many.

Mrs. C. B. Bryan of Tennessee, however

objected to the "penny a day" plan, say-

ing that she thought the members of

the society should go down in their

offered to subscribe \$5 herself as a

starter.

pockets immediately and subscribe. She

There is a debt of about \$170,000 on the

Mrs. Edith Darlington Ammon of Pitts-burgh, chairman of the magazine com-mittee, and Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, the retiring editor of the magazine, sub-mitted their reports, which were ap-

Mrs. Block's plan received the hearty

passed about the hall.

John R. Walker of Missouri.

wards of Rhode Island.

this evening.

although her name is on the administra-

ham of Kentucky.

George M. Minor of Connecticut, Mrs

ports, beginning with Missouri.

cial committees.

10 o'clock a.m.-The congress will

Fly Flags Half-Mast Miss Olver Denniston in Nomination First, Woman Appointed Chief of a Government Bureau.

THE CANDIDATES VASSAR COLLEGE GRADUATE

of Children Are to Be

Investigated.

The President has appointed Miss Julia C. Lathrep of Chicago as chief of the new children's bureau. Miss Lathrop is associated with Jane Addams in the work at Hull House, is a member of the board of charities of Illinois, and is a graduate and a trustee of Vassar College. She is the first woman ever appointed a bureau chief by this government. The salary of the office is \$5,000. There will be an assistant chief, a private secretary, a statistical expert, two special agents and seven clerks to be appointed.

The law provides that the bureau shall investigate all matters pertaining to the welfare of children and child life, and shall especially investigate the questions of orphanage, infant mortality, juvenile courts, the birth-rate, desertion, dangerous occupations, diseases and accidents, employment and legislation affecting children in the several states.

### Will Attend Dedication May 19. President Taft has written to William

The "battle of the ballots" is on at the D. A. R. Memorial Continental Hall this Knowles Cooper that he will attend the afternoon. Ten vice presidents general dedication exercises May 19 of the new are to be elected, two honorary vice presibuilding for the use of the colored men's dents general and an editor of the Ameribranch of the Washington Y. M. C. A. can Monthly Magazine, the society's of-The President has written to the presificial organ. The last office was practi- dent of the Hibernian Society of Savancally filled when Miss Olver Denniston of nah, Ga., that he will leave here April 30, Pittsburgh, Pa., was nominated with- at 3:35 o'clock in the afternoon, for out opposition, and only the ratification Savannah, to attend the centennial anniversary of the Hibernian Society in that of the congress is needed to make the city. He will reach Savannah the morning of May 1 and remain in that city until The candidates for vice presidents gen- noon of May 2, when he will come back eral, nominated by the "administration to Washington.

party" are as follows: Mrs. La Verne Will Represent the Government. Noyes of Illinois, Mrs. Andrew K. Gault Attorney General Wickersham has been of Nebraska, Mrs. George S. Shackelford of Virginia, Mrs. William Libbey of requested to represent this government and the Bretagne was five hours in pass- Carolina, Mrs. Charles F. Johnson of given by the Champlain tercentenary Maine, Mrs. Charles H. Bond of Massa- commission to the French delegation chusetts, Mrs. William Lawson Peel of coming to this country to present a bust Georgia, Mrs. Chalmers M. Williamson to the United States.

The Maryland branch of the Professional Chauffeur Club of America, having a membership throughout the country of 35 000 persons, today made President of 35 000 persons, today made President Taft an honorary member. He was given a riembership card engraved on a silver plate, presented to him by a committee consisting of R. E. Shadel, secretary of the Maryland branch; Robert Blume, F. J. Slade, J. E. Whitten and Thomas Smith Cummings Story's campaign managers, elections in the proper sense of the term. We intend to vote for the women

## The nominees for vice president general TAFT TO DELAY ACTION whose names are not on the administra-UNTIL KNOX ARRIVES

tion ticket, is not a partisan, and it is understood will receive the support of A conference Senators Lodge and Root members of both administration and Story had with President Taft today led to wild rumors that the Mexican situation was much worse and that probable future action was under consideration. It developed that the callers did not touch upon Mexico generally, but were talking Amerika of the Hamburg-American line, about the resolution as to Magdalena bay, introduced by Senator Lodge. This resolution sought all the facts in the posa nominee for honorary vice president general not in the administration list. Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, president gensession of the government.

The President has delayed his answer to the resolution until the arrival of Secretary Knox, with whom he desires to go over the matter. The President does not see any cause for haste. At the conference he told the two senators that he Mrs. Story to name five judges to represent her party at the polls. The judges named by Mrs. Scott, in addition to Mrs. Guernsey, were Mrs. Dearborn of New Hampshire. was waiting for Secretary Knox, and discussed some of the features of the case with them. There are no new developments in the Magdalena bay incident, or in the Mexi-can situation, it was stated on excellent Mrs. Story named the following: Mrs. Taylor of New Jersey, Mrs. Harvey of Deleware, Mrs. Bissell of Connecticut, Mrs. Lane of Texas and Miss Finch of New York.

authority today. Army to Be Increased.

LAREDO, Tex., April 17.-Mexico's army is to be increased to 60,000, and maintained through a bond issue of 20,-000,000 pesos (\$10,000,000), according to of voting machines, used for the first the statement of a cousin of President

the expectation that returns will be in The bond issue is to be taken up by Mexican capitalists. The issue is to be financed through an additional tax of 20 per cent on spirituous liquors and other luxuries. The bonds will be payable sixty days after date of issue. Senators have been called to Mexico John Verrept, Belgian, Threatened announced that the report was false, and City to confirm this bond issue, which is that every one was to have the right to enues greatly through the contemplated

## state regent for Massachusetts, arose, holding in her hand a printed slip containing the names of the administration

### Exposure and Hardship Tellcirculation of any unsigned literature in its hall at election time. This list, she said. was unsigned, though she supposed ing on People of the Flooded Districts.

The people in the flooded district are nearing the limit of physical endurance, their money is giving out, and the excertificates had been sold, and suggesting That is the summary of condition posure and hardships are telling on them. a further way in which to raise funds the flooded areas reported by Maj. Normoyle at Memphis, Tenn., today. He reports 600 destitute people at Luna, Ark.; 1,000 each at Transylvania

ciety, state and chapter regents and and Henderson, La.; 1,600 at Tallula, La:; 900 at Delhi, La., and 2,500 at Millikens, La. Most of the refugees, including those at Vicksburg, are negroes. The steamer Herman Papke left Helena, Ark., today with a barge loaded with 600 bales of hay and 25,000 Blank, twenty-nine years old, shot and rations, for various places along the Mississippi river below that city. The steamer Wyanoak left Marianna, Ark., with 15,000 rations aboard for distribution to refugees below that place on life today at the home of his wife's particle of the state of the life today at the home of his wife's particle of the life today at the home of his wife's particle of the life today at the home of his wife's particle of the life today at the home of his wife's particle of the life today at the home of his wife's particle of the life today at the home of his wife's particle of the life today at the home of his wife's particle of the life today at the home of his wife's particle of the life today at the home of his wife's particle of the life today at the home of his wife. the St. Francis river.

Maj. Normoyle has requested that eight more commissioned officers be ordered to Helena, Ark., for relief

## LOEB ADDRESSES SCIENTISTS.

## National Academy Continues Its Sessions in Wahsington.

The National Academy of Sciences to-Memorial Hall, and it is computed that if the penny-a-day plan is adopted and adhered to at the end of a year the society would have raised \$259.150.

day continued its three-day meeting, which began yesterday at the New National. Museum. The most important paper at the session this morning dealt town to Pictou, went ashore today bewith the derivation of life from the tween Tony river and Cape John, accordegg. It was by Dr. Jacques Loeb, who ing to a wireless message received here

## NOT KEPT FROM THE SEA AN HOUR BEFORE CRASH BY THE TITANIC DISASTER!

WHO WAS AT FAULT?

## Miles of Where She Wired Transatlantic Travel Is Not Curtailed.

of Iceberg Menace.

the shore stations at 9:80 o'clock Sunday

night, just one hour before she went to

Strikes Berg 20 Miles Further.

The message, which was forwarded to

the hydrographic offices at Washington,

Baltimore, Philadelphia and probably

"April 14.-The German steamer Amer-

Titanic met her fate in latitude 41.46.

AVIATOR ENDS HIS LIFE

to Kill Himself After Quarrel

With Fiancee.

VERSAILLES, France, April 17 .- John

Verrept, the well known Belgian airman,

who had participated in many of the

leading sporting events in Europe, was

For some unknown cause his monoplane

collapsed while he was flying at a height

of 600 feet, and he was killed instantly.

his flances, to whom he swore that he

TWO DEAD; ONE WOUNDED.

mestic Tragedy.

ents in this city. Mrs. Blank was hold-

The young couple had been separated for some time and a family quarrel led to

STEAMER GOES ASHORE.

British Vessel Aground Off the

Nova Scotia Coast.

PICTOU, N. S., April 17 .- The govern-

aerodrome here.

would kill himself.

years old.

the shooting.

mystery of the disaster.

pieces on the iceberg.

other sea coast cities, said:

NEW YORK, April 17.—The disaster to hydrographic office here Sunday after- far as curtailing sea travel is concerned, having been aboard the Minerva many gent need for immediate measures of the new indicates that the navigators of the according to the steamship companies, vears ago when that steamer struck an safety for oceanic travel. nessage received by the United States the Titanic has thus far had no effect so city said today he could fully appreciate of dangerous icebergs, and adds to the terial bearing on the summer rush of iceberg and was disabled. The Minerys The message came from the steamship

and was relayed by the Titanic to one of Some of the larger companies, as a planned to leave these shores on the aboard to take to the l'feboats."

ngs was expressed by Gen. Luigi Solari, one of the officials of the Italian lines, ka reports by radio-telegraph passing two who lost several friends on the Titanic. large icebergs in latitude 41.27, longitude he said sadly. "Everywhere it is the boat was still anoat, and soundings he said sadly. "Everywhere it is the boat was still anoat, and soundings he said sadly. "Everywhere it is the boat was still anoat, and soundings he same. My nation has already forgotten ments were holding effectively. 50.08.—(Titanic, Br. S. S.) Naval officers here calculate that as the ongitude 50.14, she may have struck one gotten San Francisco. The Republic of the icebergs reported in her own dispatch, which had drifted slightly to the north and west. She could not have traveled more than twenty miles from the spot from which she sent the dispatch to the spot where she went down. read of railroad wrecks, but the people swarm to the trains every day as though there were no such things as wrecks on the rails. Don't you think it will be much the same with this disaster of the

# WHILE 600 FEET IN AIR SEVERAL LIVES LOST

## Property Damage From Hail BILLS WOULD PUNISH Be Great.

## killed today while making a flight at the NEW ORLEANS, April 17.-Several

persons were kiled and a large amount of property was damaged in several south House Friends of Verrept express the opinion Louisiana towns during the night by that the aviator committed suicide. He electric, rain and wind storms. In the had yesterday, they say, a dispute with early crop district north of New Orleans the damage will be heaviest, it is esti-Observers of his flight say they saw

Most of the damage was confined to Verrept throw his arms up, and the aerotowns just north or west of New Orplane, left to itself, crashed to the ground. ing order. Verrept was twenty-three

Philadelphian the Principal in Do-

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.-Meyer killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Esther ing a five-week-old infant when she was

## DEPICTS TERROR AT SEA WHEN SHIP HIT ICEBERG

## Ship Sank Within Twenty Shipping Officials Say That Policeman Peterson on Minerva When That Vessel Figured in Crash.

Policeman Jacob E. Peterson of this terial bearing on the summer rush of vacation touring, which has already begun, but which does not reach its maximum until the latter part of May.

years ago when that steamer struck an iceberg and was disabled. The Minerya was on its way to Halifax over the northern course, and it was about midnight when the iceberg was encountered.

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Years ago when that steamer struck an iceberg and was disabled. The Minerya was on its way to Halifax over the northern course, and it was about midnight to Congress containing the suggestions of the court, and interest in all features of the proposed regulation of passenger vessels and had received communications from Mrs. Archibald Gracie and from a newspaper "I was only a youngster then," he said,

matter of fact, are just now experiencing "but I remember what a terrible thing a contrary effect, an addition to their it was. I was thrown in an upright ponormal business, for each of them has sition in my bunk, and it was not long had its generous quota of those who had before the order was given for those

The conviction that the disaster would going down, and it appeared that the ship lead to few if any cancellations in book- was sinking. The captain quickly got the the freighter would disappear beneath the After several hours of intense anxiety,

disaster was forgotten. Every day you the policeman explained, an examination of the ship showed that the engine had not been submerged. The pumps were started and soon the boat was moving passage at this season of the year, and especially after such a hard winter," Mr. Peterson remarked, "I cannot under-

> if the Titanic had a sufficient number of lifeboats," he added, "I can-not understand why there should have been any loss of life. In the navy, in which I have served, we always had boats enough to accommodate all on board, and it seems to me that passenger steamers should be just as well equip-

# GAMBLING IN FUTURES

## Committee on Agriculture Will Report Two Measures.

The dead are: John Williams, Plaque- ture today voted a favorable report on legislation which in its opinion is desirmine, struck by lightning; Frand Monte- bills designed to end gambling in futures able.

the retiring editor of the magazine, submitted their reports, which were approved.

This afternoon Prof. J. A
t a meeting of the officials of the
Federalsburg, Md., Methodist Episcopal
Church plans were determined upon for
the improvement of the church property.
In addition, to repairing and painting, the
imfant department will be enlarged.

The square Loeb, who
has made a specialty of this line of retrom the Grey.
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spoke on "The National Phases of the
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This director of the bureau of mines,
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Smithsonian astrophysical observaday afternoon.

The Syiph had net passed Indian Head
ing to a wireless message received from the big cruiser
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The fovernment steamer Minto, from
Washington in Cheasapeake bay yesterday afternoon.

The Syiph had net passed Indian Head
up to 12 e'cleck today, but was then beby Dr. Eugene Lyman Fiske, and "Artidicial and Synthetic Gema," by W. C. Dumitted their reports, which were transferred from the big cruiser
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Story of Titanic Disaster to Be **Told by Survivors.** 

Resolution Empowers Committee to Make Thorough Investigation.

SENATE ALSO LIKELY TO ACT

Compelling Ships to Equip With Sufficient Life-Saving Apparatus Probably Will Result.

The whole story of the Titanic, how she rammed the floating mountain of ice. what the crew did, where the boats were and all of the indescribable scenes of those four hours when the greatest ship afloat was sending whimpering messages into the blank air, will be told to the House committee on merchant marine and fisheries, for the survivors of the ship will be asked to relate the things they

Representative Alexander, chairman of that committee, wants to have answered fully the question that many persons have asked: "What about the lifeboats, and why could not every one be taken off in appeared forever?"

When that question is answered the committee intends to frame legislation which will make every ship leaving or entering an American port carry exactly enough lifeboats to insure a place for every soul aboard in case of a wreck. The bill will be immediately drafted by Chairman Alexander, and the committee intends to waste no time in considering intends to waste no time in considering it. Heretofore it has been assumed that Congress has no right to compel ships carrying foreign flags to carry lifeboats because of the existence of certain treaties, but Representative Alexander is of the firm opinion that the ideas of his committee will prevail and that reciprocal obligations on the subject of protec-tion at sea will be the rule eventually.

### Senate May Also Act. A resolution will be introduced in the Senate probably today to direct the com-

merce committee or a subcommittee to make a thorough probe of the tragedy and to empower the committee to sumnon witnesses and take any necessary Mental Condition is Subject of Senator William Alden Smith, a leading

member of the commerce committee, favored making a thorough effort to ascertain all the facts relating to the disaster. Some senators expressed the view that an investigation by Congress would be unnecessary, as not only the maritime exchanges but the government of Great Britain would doubtless make a searching investigation into every phase of the Still Declares Mrs. Gracie Told Her Representative Gardner of New Jersey for many years chairman of the House

committee on labor, and for several years a coastwise sailor, declared today that there should be sufficient lifeboat capacity to carry all aboard ship, but that he recognized the difficulty involved from a maritime standpoint.

### President Taft Interested.

As a complement to the congressional investigation, Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor will take up at once with President Taft the entire subject of safeguarding ocean travel by more stringent American shipping regulations.

The disaster has aroused Congress,

executive departments for new legisla-

Although several bills are pending in Congress to regulate life-saving ap- other success in this city. paratus on all vessels clearing American ports, Chairman Alexander of the House ommittee contemplates drafting a new

## Interference With Wireless.

sages will probably be taken up by the resentment against him. committee. The jumble of messages which the air waves piled one on top of the other while frantic men and women tried to get news of their people aboard the sinking ship has furnished an object fore the committee provides that the United States shall have strict control of the wireless situation. It is expected a favorable report on the bill will be made to the House next week. This bill prevents the sending of "fake" messages and provides severe penalties for the interference of amateurs and irre-The first action by the House of Representatives in regard to the Titanic dis-

of Representative Mott of New York, late yesterday afternoon, which will empower the committee on merchant and marine and fisheries to make the in-vestigation. The resolution has been referred to the committee on rules and

reads:

"Whereas the people of the United States have heard with grief and horror of the sinking of the Titanic and the subsequent terrible loss of human life and of property, and "Whereas it is of supreme importance "Whereas it is of supreme importance Gage."

Which saids to objections from counsel for Mrs. Gage to certain questions concerning the so-ciety, Mr. Worthington announced that it is his intention to show the "society is a fake and consists of nobody but Mrs. Gage." that every possible measure of precau-tionary legislation shall be enacted to protect ocean travelers and prevent simiar loss of life in the future, therefore,

"Resolved, That the committee on mer Despite opposition by various boards of trade, the House committee on agriculture today voted a fewerable money of Representatives, and to recommend the laughter.

## MAY CONTROL WIRELESS.

President Taft and Cabinet Consider Legislation.

radio-telegraphy, being forcibly brought o the attention of the administration by the Titanic disaster, President Taft was n conference at the White House yesterday afternoon for nearly two hours with some of his cabinet officers, whose functions cover the operations of this new system of telegraphy. These were Secretaries Stimson, Meyer and Nagel. Attorney General Wickersham was also called in to give the benefit of his legal advice as to the necessity in a legislative way of additional statutory law.

HOUSE TAKES FIRST STEP way of additional statutory law.

In recognition of the extensive interests of the private corporations which have expended large sums of money in the equipment of ships and shore stations with wireless outfits ex-Attorney General Briggs, and Mr. Sheffield, representing the Marconi company, were also consulted, while the technical side of the matter was developed by Rear Admiral Cone, the engineer-in-chief of the navy, which bureau is charged with the management of the naval wireless system. agement of the naval wireless system. The discussion was general in character The discussion was general in character and touched particularly upon the details of a new bill which has been prepared in the Navy Department for transmission to Congress to give effect to the requirements of the general wireless telegraphic convention to which the United States government has recently adhered.

## Pope and the Kaiser Voice Their Sympathy

LONDON, April 17 .- A meeting of the executive of the British committee for the

celebration of the centenary of peace,

held under the presidency of Earl Grey, today passed the following resolution: "This committee, formed to celebrate the centenary of unbroken peace and friendship between the British empire and the United States of America, desires to convey the expression of its profound and heartfelt sympathy to the families of those who have been lost with the Titanic. the four hours before the great ship dis- In particular it desires to express its solicitude for the safety of William T. Stead, a member of this committee, who was traveling by the vessel on a mis-

> The text of the German emperor's message of sympathy sent to the White Star line is as follows: "Achilleion, April 16

"Deeply grieved by the sad news of the terrible disaster which has befallen your line, I send you the expression of my deepest sympathy and also with all those who mourn the loss of relatives and friends.

WILLIAM, I. R."

ROME, April 17.—Both Pope Pius and King Victor Emmanuel have expressed their deep sympathy for the victims of the Titanic disaster.

Examination by Jury.

of Bell's Alleged Enmity.

TO A MISTAKE

Court Tells Daughter Not to Prompt Mother-Status of Colonial Daughters Is Attacked.

Mrs. Mary E. Gage, whose mental condition is being inquired into by a jury before Justice Barnard, withstood for more than an hour today a searching cross-examination by Attorney A. S Archibald Gracie and from a newspaper reporter that Charles J. Bell was suppo

ed to be interfering with her social and To Attorney Worthington Mrs. Gage admitted that she never entertained any bill based upon the facts brought out by the Titanic disaster and upon the recommendations and suggestions of officials of the Department of Commerce and Labor. Bell's business interests were too large to permit of his caring about her progress.

Mrs. Gage reiterated the statement that
she now is satisfied that Mr. Bell had no connection with the annoyances of which

## Believes Herself Mistaken.

Mr. Bell was attempting to keep her out it last have an effect. The bill new be- of church. The witness said it had been explained to her that owing to the large numbers of strangers who visit local churches the attitude of the congregation toward strangers is not so cordial as in Miss Margaret C. Gage, the daughter, became so absorbed in her mother's tes-

timony that she frequently nodded her quiries put to the witness by Mr. Worthington. The action of the young woman attracted the attention of Justice Barmother or interfere in any way with the cross-examination. The young woman immediately desisted.

Mr. Worthington was especially curious about the Society of Colonial Daughters, which Mrs. Gage organized. In response

## Says She Is Sane.

Col. R. E. Plunkett of Landers, Wyo., testified that in his opinion, Mrs. Gage chant marine and fisheries be and is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an investigation into the sinking of the steamship Titanic and the subsequent town in Colorado, which he described as is sane, and added, "God help this coun-

A number of other witnesses testified lone, Natalbany, struck by lightning; on cotton and grain. Two measures were charles Glies, Goodbee, caught in collapse of house, and John Hamilton, Manchas Bayou, struck by lightning.

A windstorm of cyclonic intensity swept through the town of Ponchatoula, north of New Orleans. A church, a public hall, a mill and several residences were wrecked. Hallstones that accompanied the wind pelted out nearly every pane of the sequence of the proposed investigation, but should with the news
on cotton and grain. Two measures were reported, one by Representative Beall of Texas, democrat, dealing with cotton, and the other by Representative Lever of South Carolina, democrat, relating to committee as a whole, or by subcommittee, is authorized to sit during sessions of the House and the recess of the property at No. 4 Dupont witnesses. The report on the cotton bill was unantimous, but two voted against the grain bill and the southern members refrained wind pelted out nearly every pane of the proposed investigation, but should keep calm in the matter.

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wind palted out nearly every pane of window glass in the town. Trees were leveled. As they fell several persons were hurt. The strawberry crop is said to have suffered.

When the wind passed over the town of Goodbee several houses were blown down. Charles Giles was killed when the ruins of his home tumbled about him. In the country about Plaquemine, west of New Orleans, the wind was accompanied by a cloudburst. There was much damage.

SECRETARY KNOX NEARS HOME

Secretary Knox and party are expected to arrive here late this afternoon on the President's yacht Spiph, to which they received from the big cruiser on the big cruiser of Campbell MacCulloch; "Making a Nation Washing a N

year from the members and volunteered the information that the sum of \$2.050, all of which she had expended, was a small expense account for a society, and pointed out that it costs \$80,000 annually to run the D. A. R.

The necessity of some sort of governmental control over the operation of writing. See our next Sunday Magazine.